

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

- 1- **Call to order** – First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Finance Director Rick Darling and Weston Residents.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance** - Pledge led by Captain Matt Brodacki

Board of Selectmen review First Selectman's 2020-21 Budget Request First Selectman Spaulding made a PowerPoint presentation (attached). First Selectman Spaulding noted that he rejected all requests for extra staffing.

The BOS then reviewed all capital projects. First Selectman Spaulding said middle school projects are being put off until a facility study is completed.

Selectwoman Nestor asked whether grants could be applied to proposed capital projects. Mr. Luiz explained the STEAP grant could be applied to any of the Town infrastructure projects and that LoTCIP could be applied to certain road projects depending on road classification.

First Selectman Spaulding discussed the current situation with the Transfer Station, explaining challenges such as having to pay for recyclables under a new contract instead of receiving payment for them. A sticker price increase was also discussed. Mr. Luiz explained that we are in the process of trying to get entry into the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority in order to get better pricing. First Selectman Spaulding also spoke about other possible solutions such as being a part of a regional transfer station.

Selectwoman Nestor asked for more information about the increase to the tree warden budget request. Tree Warden Bill Lomas explained the requested increase – citing infested ash trees.

Selectman Grozinger asked whether we can buy down the mill rate using unassigned fund balance. First Selectman Spaulding explained with possible upcoming expenses such as public safety technology upgrades and increases in spending on road improvements, we would be close to the recommended minimum amount for a AAA rating.

- 3- **Adjourn:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 9:32pm. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant
Approved: February 20, 2020